

BY JOHN F. BOSWORTH,
Editor and Publisher.

CANTON, MISS.

SATURDAY, DEC. 28, 1867.

LANDRETH'S Warranted Fresh Garden Seeds and Onion Sets, from Philadelphia, a large lot, just received at Cassell & Baughn's.

Mosby & Richards have received and now offer for sale Landreth's Garden Seeds, and Onion Buttons, warranted to be of this year's growth, and of the very best quality—Cheap for cash.

All drop letters must be PREPAID, or they will be sent to the "dead letter" office. The rate of postage on copy letters is two cents per half ounce.

JOHN WHELAN, P. M.

OUR HALF SHEET.—In obedience to time-honored custom—whereof the memory of man runneth not to the contrary—the printers in this office claimed and took their Christmas holiday, "nolus bohus," despite our persuasions, expostulations, implorations, and protestations. So, here we are, gentle reader, only the half of an American Citizen, (the truth is, since the happening of a trifling little event which occurred somewhere in the neighborhood of Appomattox Courthouse, about the 9th of April, A. D. 1865, we haven't felt like we were more than $\frac{1}{2}$ of an American citizen). For our present shrivelled and impecunious appearance, we ask the indulgence of our most liberal and generous patrons.

OUR CHRISTMAS TURKEY, somewhat to our surprise, but greatly to our gratification and delight, on the morning of the 25th inst. He was (for he "is no more") one of the finest fowls that ever strutted his brief hour upon terra firma, or electrified feminine turkeydom with his musical gobble. He was young, "of tender years," and of flesh, likewise: fat and juicy, also, as the juvenile venison; savory, withal, as the odors that exhale from the banquet of a king. The only regret we felt as we "gave to grease our shining blade," and pierced his expansive breast, was, that in all probability it would be twelve long months ere we would have the pleasure of performing a similar operation. Turkeys are turkeys these times.

For the nice and reasonable present of this magnificent bird, we are indebted to the kindly remembrance of our much esteemed friend, Mrs. LAFAYETTE MONTGOMERY, to whom we return our own and the thanks of our household.

"The bridegroom may forget the bride
Who made his wedded wife yearn,
The monarch may forget the crown
That on his head an hour has been;
The mother may forget the child
That smiles and sweetly on her knee;
But I'll remember thee, 'AST KATE,'
For all the kindness shown to me!"

MARRIED.

On Tuesday, the 24th day of Dec., A. D. 1867, at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. C. G. Andrews, Mr. J. W. CANNON, to Miss HARRIS DINKINS, all of this city.

For The American Citizen.

MR. EDITOR:

In the last issue of the *Canton Mail* is a communication on "The Situation," characteristic of its author. Tracing, graphically, the history of events from the termination of the late war to the present time; and ascribing our deplorable condition to its legitimate causes, H. . . concludes his article with a number of suggestions, by way of advice, replete, alike, with sound views of political economy, and correct principles of christian philosophy.

Among others, of which all are eminently practical, there is one, especially, which ought to be deeply engraven on the mind of all people, viz: "Fear God"; and in this connection is a sentiment worthy to be written in letters of gold, namely, "No permanent prosperity can be attained without a healthy state of public morals, founded on Christian faith." This sentiment recognizes the doctrine of Divine Providence—the great truth that God governs the world; a truth illustrated in the dealings of God with man from his earliest existence to the present hour. The history of every nation which exists, or has existed, is in proof, that God not only approves of virtue, and disapproves of vice, but that He places His signature on the one and on the other. Witness, for example, the flood which destroyed the "world of the ungodly." Behold the fate of those wicked cities, Sodom and Gomorrah; their site—the Dead Sea—is a perpetual and melancholy memorial of God's wrath. See his dealings with his chosen people—the Israelites—in their journeyings from Egypt to Canaan, and all along their history until it culminated in a grand catastrophe—the destruction of their beloved city, and the overthrow of their national polity; and their dispersion

over the earth. Thus are seen all along the track of time, especially in the earlier ages of the world, monuments of God's displeasure at sin. In some of these events, the hand of God was visible. God talked with man. Others were in fulfillment of prophecy, showing his hand not less visibly.

Now, that God, in His wisdom, has ceased to talk with man "face to face," and to speak to him by His prophets, as of old, it is rational to conclude that He has ceased His government of the world? We are too prone to look to second causes. God is immutable. Although not cognizable to our senses, He reigns, nevertheless, and His hand is not less, than ever, in every event which takes place; and His administration has a special reference to our well-being as moral agents, destined to live forever.

It becomes us, therefore, as a people, to recognize in those afflictive dispensations, national and individual, His corrective rod; to humble ourselves and turn from our evil ways. Then, and not till then, may we hope for any considerable measure of prosperity.

CANTON, Miss.

HEADQUARTERS SUB DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI,
Vicksburg, Miss., Dec. 6th, 1867.

GENERAL ORDER, No. 40.

1. Hereafter persons not in the Military service of the United States and not engaged in the execution of the laws, are prohibited carrying concealed weapons under a penalty of a forfeiture of the arms found upon them, and of being tried and punished by a Military Commission for disturbing the public peace.

2. Any person found guilty of a violation of this order will be liable to a fine of not more than one hundred dollars and confinement for not more than three months at the discretion of a Military Commission.

3. Justices of the Peace, Magistrates and Sheriffs are authorized and directed to execute this order so far as the arrest and confinement of offenders and the seizure of arms found upon them are directed. It is expected that this order will be executed regardless of race, color or opinion.

4. It having been reported that large quantities of stolen goods are sold or delivered after dark in this district; all merchants, traders and parties concerned are hereby notified that the purchase or delivery of country supplies, such as corn, pork or flour, beef or live animals after sunset, and until market hour in the morning, is made a military as well as a civil offense, both by the party delivering or selling.

5. Hereafter no person or persons shall be considered as authorized to purchase country produce, as above enumerated, after the first day of January, 1868, except they have a special license in each case so to do. In all cities and corporate towns the license will be given by the Mayor, outside of the limits of such cities and towns the license will be issued by the Board of Police for the county, and the authority for giving such license is hereby authorized to withdraw the same whenever satisfactory evidence is produced that the privileges therein conferred are being abused.

6. Every violation of either paragraph of this order will subject the offender to a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars, or in default of payment of the fine imposed, confinement not to exceed three months in the county jail, at the discretion of the Magistrate or Judge before whom the case is tried.

7. Military Commissions and local Magistrates, Justices of the Peace and County Judges are authorized to take cognizance of offenses against this order.

By order of Major General.

ALLAN C. GILLES,
M. BARRETT, 1st Lieut, 34th U. S. Inf'ty, A. A. G.

Insurrectionary Movement in Alabama.—MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 16.—The *Advertiser* contains reliable information of the arrest of George Shorter, a negro of this city, who was the leader of the recent insurrectionary movement in Bullock county. The negro Shorter claims to be from one of the Northwestern States, and says that he was sent by Radicals of that region to organize his government in the South.

The blacks gave information of his whereabouts, and he was captured by whites and blacks. When the deluded negroes of the neighboring plantations heard of it, they gathered in considerable numbers, and clamored for his delivery to them for summary punishment. They would have put him to death, but the whites interfered, and persuaded them to let the law take its course.

Shorter was imprisoned in the county jail at Union Springs. A letter of Shorter's to negroes whom he called officers of his government, has been published, showing the nature of the organization he had effected. In this letter Shorter decreed the death of Jerry, the Treasurer of the revolutionary organization.

There are other letters of Shorter's in possession of the civil authorities; and the whole of them, with the evidence of the blacks examined, will expose to the country, in all its atrocity, a Radical plot to organize the blacks of the South in a revolutionary conspiracy against the whites.

MONTGOMERY, Dec. 21.—The *Columbus Ga., Enquirer* says that the trial of the negro conspirator and revolutionist, Geo. Shorter, at Union Springs, Ala., resulted in his conviction and sentence to jail for six months. On his trial, material facts, heretofore published, about his organization of a negro government in Bullock county, were proved.

The report that he claims to have been sent to do this work by the Radicals in the Northwestern States is confirmed. But for the timely discovery of this secret organization, and the active and energetic measures adopted to break it up, it would doubtless have been extended among the ignorant blacks, and produced a great deal of mischief.

It was reported in Union Springs early yesterday morning, when the cars left, that Shorter had broken out of jail, the night previous, and escaped. Whether he effected his escape unaided, or was assisted by negroes belonging to his so-called government, we could not learn. The negroes generally, as heretofore stated, were much incensed against

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The public are invited to call and examine stock and prices.

Nov. 2, '67.

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which we offer to the public at very

Low Prices for Cash.

REMOVAL.

VAN RONKELL BROS.,

BE leave to inform their friends and the public generally, that they have removed their stock of Goods from the North side to the South-west corner of the Public Square, where they hope to see their old friends and customers, and to make many new ones.

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And many other articles too numerous to mention.

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P. S.—Our Mr. VAN RONKELL, Sr., is now at the North and will return in a few days with a well selected new stock of Goods.

The ladies are especially invited to give us a call.

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Of every kind, all of which we offer at reduced prices, FOR CASH.

We will make CASH ADVANCES ON COTTON.

D. H. OTTO would be glad to see his old friends at the new store.

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